Chapter 6

The GlueX Detector in Hall D

6.1 The Target

The main physics program for the GlueX experiment will be conducted with a low-power liquid hydrogen or liquid deuterium target. We propose a design which is very similar to the cryogenic target presently in use in Hall B. This target should fit comfortably into the detector geometry. Solid targets, required for various calibrations, can easily be incorporated into this design.

The maximum power deposited in the target by the beam is 100mW. In such low-power targets, natural convection is sufficient to remove heat from the target cell and a circulation pump is not required. These targets frequently employ mylar target cells. The mylar cell is often mounted on a metal base to provide for liquid entry ports and a reliable means of positioning the cell. The beam enters through a thin window mounted on a reentrant tube at the base of the cell. The diameter of this entrance window must be sufficiently large to allow the beam to enter the cell without scraping; taking into consideration the uncertainties that will be present in aligning the cell. The area between the reentrant window and the outer wall of the cell must be sufficiently large to allow for convection and to prevent bubbles from being trapped. A target cell diameter of three to six centimeters would seem reasonable. A smaller diameter cell would be possible with more stringent alignment requirements. A system such as this, containing a few hundred cm^3 of liquid hydrogen, would be considered "small" by Jefferson laboratory standards and the safety requirements would not place any significant constraints on the target design or operation.

The target cell is connected to a condenser located upstream of the cell. In the Hall B target the condenser is formed by concentric cylindrical shells with

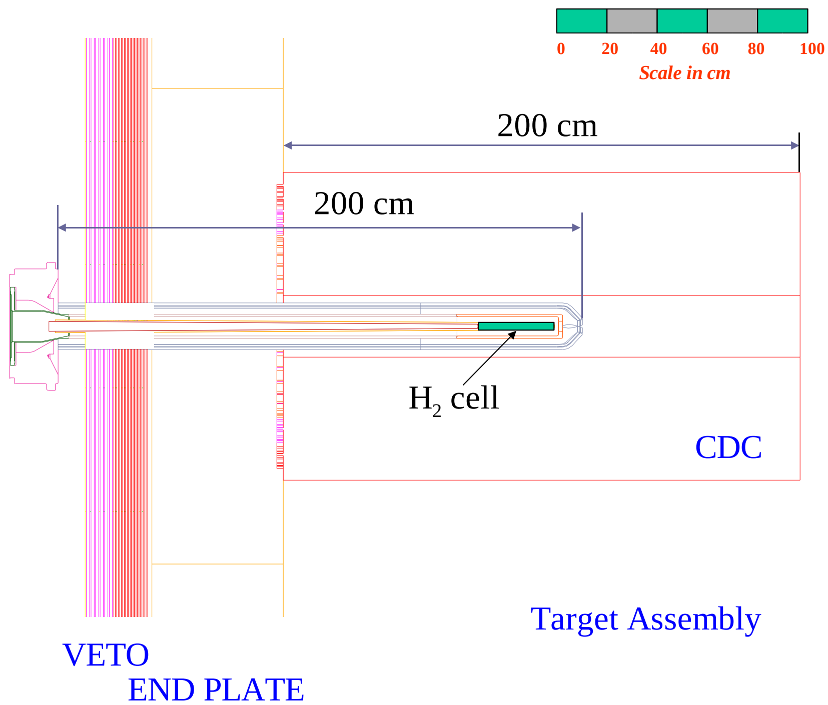

Figure 6.1: Target region including target cell, vacuum scattering chamber, start counter. Sufficient room exists for a vertex detector. Also shown for reference are the CDC and thickness of the magnet iron and upstream veto.

the axis of the cylinders lying along the beam line. The heat exchanger should be sized to allow the target to be condensed in a reasonable period of time (a few hours). In some target systems the condenser is cooled by a separate refrigerator. In other systems liquid helium at 4.5K is used as the refrigerant. Because the magnet in Hall D will require liquid helium there seems little reason to operate a separate refrigerator for the target. The standard CEBAF delivery system supplies 5K 3 atmosphere fluid through a 1-3/8" diameter bayonet. This gas is expanded through a JT valve to produce liquid. This system is somewhat cumbersome for small loads. It would be much more convenient to supply the target with low-pressure 4.5K liquid through a small transfer line. It would be possible to draw liquid from the magnet if a port is available. In Hall B it was found convenient to draw liquid helium for the target from a buffer dewar which is filled by a JT valve. To allow for a similar arrangement in Hall D, a 4.5K supply bayonet and a 5K cold return bayonet should be provided.

The extent to which target components shadow the veto counter must be considered. Some shadowing of the veto counter will be unavoidable, since the cell must be supported. As we are relying on convection to remove heat from the target cell it would be favorable to locate the heat exchanger as close to the target cell as possible. This would result in increased shadowing of the veto counter. It is not clear that convection alone would be sufficient if the condenser were located outside the veto detector. This design could easily be tested using the Hall B test cryostat.

The hydrogen cell is located inside of a scattering chamber to provide an isolation vacuum. The walls of this chamber should be kept as thin as possible. In Hall B, plastic foam chambers have been used successfully. The target vacuum is likely to be shared with the upstream and downstream beam-lines. The target vacuum chamber would include a service port for the refrigerant, target gas and instrumentation connections.

Solid targets are required for purposes of calibration and studying detector response. It may be desirable to replace the target cell with a multi-foil "optics target" from time to time. Installing the target and bringing it into operation will probably require two days. A mechanism to introduce solid targets either upstream or downstream of the hydrogen cell would be possible. Consideration should be given to the number of different targets required and to their placement.

Attaching the vertex detector and veto counter to the target vacuum chamber will locate those detectors accurately with respect to the vacuum chamber, but may complicate target assembly and disassembly. The cool-down and vacuum motion of the target cell relative to the vacuum chamber will remain major sources of uncertainty in the target cell position. The alignment requirements for this are not severe but should be considered early in the design stage. It is likely that a rail system would be used to position the target inside the magnet, as the insertion cart is used to position the cryogenic target in Hall B. Figure 6.1 illustrates a target cell similar to one which has been used in Hall B positioned inside the GlueX detector. In this design the cell incorporates an extended reentrant window to place all metallic components upstream of the veto detector.